

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8 are pending in the application. Claim is canceled. In light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, Applicant earnestly solicits favorable reconsideration.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering claims 1-6 and 8 allowable.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention was allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has canceled claim 7 rendering the rejection moot.

Therefore, as only allowable claims are pending in the application, Applicant asks that the application be placed in condition for allowance.

If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange number listed below.

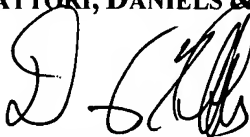
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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